

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 334 - HB 843

February 26, 2021

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires female inmates ages 50 to 74 be offered a mammogram screening every two years at no cost to the inmate. Requires female inmates ages 40 to 49 be offered a consultation with a physician to seek professional care as to when to receive a mammogram. Requires a correctional institution to provide inmates with educational programs focused on the importance of preventative healthcare measures that include breast self-examination.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 41-21-204(c)(2)(C)(i), correctional institution means any facility under the authority of any state, county, or municipal government that has the power to detain or restrain a person under the laws of this state.
- Based on information provided by the Department of Correction (DOC), all female inmates are provided annual counseling and education on breast self-examination and mammograms are required annually for female inmates age 50 and older and every two years for female inmates age 40 and older.
- Any impact to DOC resulting from the proposed legislation is estimated to be not significant.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 41-4-115(a), it is the duty of the county legislative body to provide medical attendance for all prisoners confined in the jail in their respective counties.
- This analysis assumes on average, female misdemeanor offenders age 40 and up are spending less than two years in local jail and will be excluded from consultation and mammogram requirements. Any fiscal impact resulting from such requirements is estimated to be not significant.
- Any fiscal impact to local governments to provide the outlined educational programming is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Bojan Savic, Interim Executive Director

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